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We are pleased to be able to provide seasonal flu vaccine in partnership with your school system this year. Specific dates of flu vaccine clinics will be shared with you by your school once the dates are set.

How Much Will Flu Vaccine Cost?

- We will bill your insurance for flu vaccine if your insurance company has a billing arrangement with the Health Department. Insurance companies that have contracted with the Health Department are Virginia Medicaid (Fee for Service and all MCOs serving SWVA), Medicare (except Medicare Advantage Humana and United Healthcare Medicare Complete), Anthem, United Healthcare, UMWA and Black Lung. The Health Department will forgive any balance these contracted insurance companies do not pay. If your insurance company requests additional info from you in order to pay this claim, then you must provide that info in order for your balance to be forgiven.
- If your child does not have insurance, your child may receive influenza vaccine free of charge through the Virginia Vaccines for Children program.
- If your child has a private insurance that does not have a billing arrangement with the Health Department, or that does not cover flu vaccine, your child may receive injectable (shot) vaccine at a cost of \$30.00. You must send payment in the amount of \$30.00 to your child's school with the consent form. Please check with your insurance company to determine if the insurance company can reimburse you if you submit the claim with proof of payment at a later date.

Does Your Child Need to be Protected from the Flu?

The Center for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC-ACIP) recommends all persons 6 months of age and older receive an annual seasonal flu vaccination by the end of October. Children younger than 9 years of age may need 2 doses of seasonal flu vaccine to be fully protected.

If you would like your child to receive flu vaccine at school, please do the following:

- 1. Please complete, SIGN and <u>RETURN</u> the consent form to your child's school by September 27, 2021. If your child is under age 9 at the time of vaccination, you must provide your child's previous flu vaccination history on the enclosed consent form.
- 2. Please read and complete the consent form as follows:
- There are questions to determine if your child is medically eligible to receive flu vaccine. Please answer each question.
- Enter your child's insurance information in the insurance section. Please confirm that all information is entered correctly.
- Complete the consent for child's vaccination section. Your signature is required, in the area designated
- If your child is under 9 years of age, please answer all the questions related to previous flu vaccination history.

Please call your local health department if you have questions about the school flu program or completing the forms.